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LAND LINE CONNECTIONS OF MTNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of land line connections provided by the MTNL and BSNL has declined;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Mumbai-Circle of MTNL has shown an all time heavy-fall in the allotment of land line connections during the current financial year as compared to the last financial year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND DISINVESTMENT (ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) No, Sir. The total number of land-line connections of BSNL and MTNL have increased from 3,34,01,192 and 45,43,147 as on 1.4.2002 to 3,50,70,616 and 46,17,902 as on 31.1.2003 respectively.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) No, Sir. The land line connections in MTNL, Mumbaiincluding wireless in local loop connections as on 1.4.2002 & 31.01.2003 were 24,38,339 and 24,51,129 respectively, indicating a net increase of 12, 790 connections during ten months of the current financial year.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.